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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein the throttle means (12, 112) is adjustable by the higher second brewing pressure.
 - 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim [[3]] 5, wherein the motion means includes a spring [[(19)]] having a force greater than the lower <u>first</u> brewing pressure exerted on the throttle means (12, 112), but smaller than the higher second brewing pressure.
 - 5. (Currently Amended) A coffee machine, comprising:

a brewing means for preparing at least a first coffee beverage at a first brewing pressure and at least a second coffee beverage at a second brewing pressure, the second brewing pressure being higher than the first brewing pressure, the brewing means being connected via an outlet line to a tap opening;

a throttle means which is provided in the outlet line and which is adjustable between a first flow cross-section and a second flow cross-section, the first flow cross-section being greater than the second flow cross-section, and the throttle means being adjustable by the action of the brewing pressure, wherein the throttle means includes:

a piston with a piston surface and a sealing surface, the piston surface adapted to be actuated by the brewing pressure for moving the piston in one direction and The coffee machine according to claim 3 whrein the piston (16, 116) has a the sealing surface (22, 122) adapted to close elosing the larger flow cross-section[[.]], and

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a motion means for moving the piston in a direction that is opposite to the one direction.

6. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 3, and 5, wherein the piston provides a passage (24, 124) defining the second flow cross-section smaller passage cross-section is assigned to the piston (16, 116).

- 7. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein the smaller second flow cross-section is defined by a permanently open passage (24, 124) and the larger first flow cross-section by the permanently open passage (24, 124) and a closable flow path [[(21)]] surrounding the permanently open passage (24, 124).
- 8. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim [[1]] 5, wherein the throttle means (12, 112) includes a housing [[(13)]] having an inlet [[(14)]] and an outlet [[(15)]] in which [[a]] the piston is movable with [[a]] the piston surface [[(17)]] facing the inlet [[(14)]] and with [[a]] the sealing surface (22, 122) which faces facing the outlet [[(15)]], the sealing surface and is engageable with a sealing seat (23-123) to at least partially define defining the larger first flow cross-section, a flow path [[(21)]] being provided between the inlet [[(14)]] and the sealing seat (23, 123) between the outer surface of the piston (16, 116) and the inner surface of the housing [[(13)]].
- 9. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 6, wherein the passage [[(24)]] is a through-hole extending through the piston [[(16)]].
- 10. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 6, wherein the passage [[(124)]] is formed by at least one passage opening between a sealing surface [[(122)]] provided on the piston [[(116)]] and an associated sealing seat [[(123)]].